GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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REWARD TO INFORMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided any rewards for the informers who have helped to nab smugglers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total value of rewards provided to the informers in the last three years;

(c) whether some of the officers in the Enforcement Directorate, Customs, DRI take such rewards in naming their choice of people as informers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Informers are eligible for reward upto 20% of the net sale-proceeds of the contraband goods seized and/or amount of duty evaded plus amount of fine and penalty levied/imposed and recovered. However, in respect of gold, silver and narcotics drugs seized, the overall ceilings of reward are as per specified rates.

Rewards amounting to Rs. 14.54 crore (approx.) have beengiven to informers by the Customs Department, including Directorateof Revenue Intelligence and Enforcement Directorate during the last three years, i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002.

(c): No such case has come to notice.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.